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Situation In Greece Improved

Churchill Makes Statement; Defends British Troops' Part in Belgium

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—The House of Commons will hold a special debate on Greece tomorrow, with Prime Minister Churchill expected to speak.

This was announced tonight several hours after Churchill had sidetracked a new effort in Commons to get his comments of the Greek situation. Churchill refused also to give a full scale review of the war.

Cabinet ministers agreed to tomorrow's debate after a committee of the Labor party submitted a formal demand.

In Commons today Churchill was forced into a hot-tempered defense of British troops' intervention in Belgium.

"We were acting under American instructions," he said in upholding use of armed forces in last month's riot in Belgium.

Referring repeatedly to Gen. Eisenhower in hitting back at the acid criticism of opposition members, Churchill said "a great battle is proceeding now." He declined to give a review of the general war situation on the ground that Eisenhower was right in imposing a "temporary news blackout" on the western front developments.

He reported the situation in Greece "has greatly improved" but refused to elaborate.

Churchill made it clear that if the house of commons wanted an immediate review of the Greek situation it would have to come on a vote of censure — a parliamentary maneuver which would mean his government would stand or fall on the outcome.

The opposition did not appear disposed to accept the challenge on those terms.

"No Statement"

Laborite Emanuel Shinwell sought to pin the prime minister down on the question of whether establishment of a regency in Greece and that a debate should be held or impeded by the attitude of King George II of Greece.

"I said just now that I had no further statement to make at present on Greece," the prime minister said.

"Would not it be wise to advise that all shooting should stop in Greece and that a debate should take place not here but in Athens?" asked Communist William Gallacher.

"I am afraid you can not always stop shooting by saying you would like to stop it," retorted Churchill.

Opponents of Britain's policy shifted then to Belgium, challenging Churchill's account of precautionary steps taken in November when truck loads of armed insurgents were moving into Brussels from Mons.

Shifts to Belgium

Churchill said he checked the facts he gave last week with "the best authorities." Most of the disarming of insurgents had been done by Belgian authorities, he said, but "in a few cases Belgian civilians willingly approached the British troops to surrender their arms and they were naturally helped to do so." Then he added:

"The attitude of the British military authorities was regulated by instructions received from the supreme military commander. Those instructions were in full accord with views of British government and we should be glad to share his responsibility."

Churchill said Gen. Eisenhower himself visited Brussels "and gave very decided and clear instructions as to the importance of preserving tranquility of communications."

"Therefore," he added, "far from withdrawing anything I said in my speech, I may say that mature reflection, apart from some small details, leads me to reiterate it."

Rumor of Another Attempt on Hitler's Life

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19.—(P)—The Aftonbladet said in an inattributed story today that it was rumored in Berlin a new attempt was made recently on the life of Adolf Hitler. The rumors say the Plessheim Castle in Bavaria was swept by fire while Hitler was staying there, the newspaper stated.

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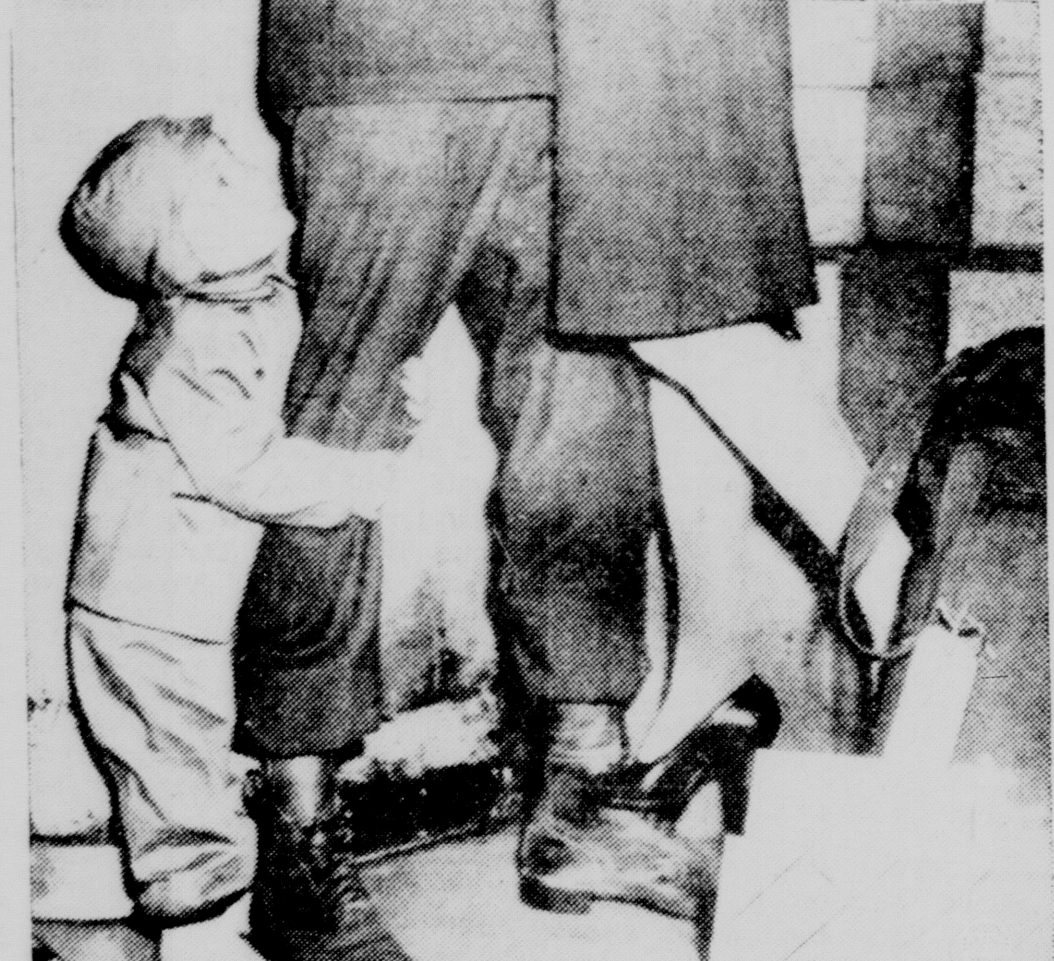
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Daddy's Home for Christmas



His daddy is home for Christmas and what more could a little fellow want? This youngster gets a good grip on dad's leg after first greetings were over at Washington Union Station yesterday, while Mom gets herself a kiss. (NEA Telephoto)

Venus Rests in Moon's Arms

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—(P)—Venus rested in the moon's arms last night.

The phenomenon was particularly brilliant throughout the southwest where in many places the planet seemed to rest directly at the top of the moon's crescent.

In southern Texas Venus slipped behind the moon completely.

Although the celestial bodies seemed to be touching, actually the moon is 240,000 miles away, while Venus, at its nearest point, is about 25,000,000 miles from the earth.

In Dallas, Dr. J. D. Boon, professor of physics at Southern Methodist university, said this coincidence is extremely infrequent.

Newspapers were flooded with calls, many of them from persons who, because of the season, asked

if this were a modern version of the Star of Bethlehem.

There was rejoicing in New Mexico. Spanish speaking villages celebrated it as a wondrous omen. In Spanish-American folk lore, such an incident is a certain "sign of peace."

Many people in Miami, Fla., saw the celestial show.

J. Wesley Simpson, observer for the American meteor society there, said the blackout of Venus lasted 22 and one half minutes.

"The interesting thing about the occultation is that it is definite proof there is no atmosphere on the moon," he commented.

"If that had been the earth in the moon's place, Venus would have grown dimmer and dimmer gradually as it went behind the area of the atmosphere. Instead, it just disappeared at once."

Tax Plan On Merchants Is Voted Down

Trial On Change Of Hours Of Duty For Patrolmen

The proposed merchants' license tax, which would be based on the volume of business transacted, instead of a specified sum, as is now in effect, was turned down by a five to three vote, at the regular meeting of the City Council, Monday night. Voting no were T. H. Yount, Frank Royce, A. L. Pringle, Herbert Seifert and Leo Eickhoff, while voting for it were Frank Middleton, Richard Keenan and John Taylor.

The proposed ordinance has been pending for some time, the two first readings having been some weeks ago. Leo Eickhoff, who brought the matter to the Council floor, said that when the councilmen first presented the ordinance they believed it was what was wanted, but after studying it, hearing from the merchants and others concerned, he thought it could be improved upon. Another ordinance, covering the subject matter, will probably be presented later, he said.

There was considerable discussion, Middleton, one of the sponsors stating the ordinance, as first drafted, would have brought in much more revenue, but it had been changed, reducing the amount of revenue, but he still believed it equitable.

Change Police Hours

Another action of importance by the aldermen was passage of a motion to change the hours of police officers from 12 to 8 hours per day, by the addition of two more officers. This will be done on a sixty day trial, the chief of police, Anson Fennell and the police board, will be notified.

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Dissatisfied With German Offensive

By the Associated Press
The Stockholm's Tidningen said today that Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt had been "slightly wounded," according to a dispatch reported to OWI.

The Swedish newspaper said von Rundstedt was reported to be dissatisfied with the German offensive in the west because "too large reserves have been lost from the beginning."

"Von Rundstedt at first definitely refused to start this hazardous offensive, which would demand the entire German army's fighting capacity," the dispatch said.

According to the "German officers' opposition," the Swedish newspaper declared, the order for the German counter-offensive was issued by interior minister Heinrich Himmler and not by Hitler, as widely published in Germany.

Superforts From China Hit Kyushu

All B-29s, About 200, Returned Safely to Base

By The Associated Press
China-based B-29s bombed Kyushu island industrial targets today in another Superfortress blow at the roots of Japan's vanishing airpower.

A Japanese imperial communiqué said 30 or 40 Superfortresses attacked Omura, whose big aircraft factory has been the target of three previous B-29 raids.

The first announcement from the War Department in Washington said merely that a "medium force" of Superforts from China attacked industrial targets on Kyushu, southernmost of the main islands of Japan, less than 24 hours after raiding Hankow.

Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, Jr., reported simultaneously that his Saipan-based B-29s heavily damaged the Mitsubishi company's big Kokuki aircraft factory in yesterday's attack on Nagoya on Honshu island.

Hit Factory

Many direct hits were scored on the factory, the bombers' primary target, Hansell said, and "damage to the plant is clearly extensive." Photographs showed the precision bomb pattern swept the edge of Nagoya bay harbor directly across the plant. At least 22 direct hits were made in the target area by one element alone.

Kokuki factory is about seven miles from Nagoya.

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Belgians Are Stunned

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—With the German army driving back into Belgium, Belgian civilians are hurriedly scrubbing from walls and building slogans derogatory to the Nazis, front dispatches said today.

One correspondent told of seeing a man hastily washing from the side of his home a picture of Hitler receiving a kick in the pants. The Belgians, he said, were stunned by the turn of events.

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Nickel's Worth

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—(P)—While two bandits had everyone lined up against the wall in a drug store, Jimmy House, 17, silently borrowed a nickel, slipped into a telephone booth and called police. They arrived before the robbers had finished their chores.

Later at the police station they were identified as members of a party that had robbed another drug store an hour earlier of \$500 and narcotics.

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Capt. Neef, Thirteen Months A War Prisoner, Is Home

Captain Melvin Ellis Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Neff, 1100 East Twenty-fourth street, arrived home Sunday night from overseas where he spent eighteen months, thirteen of them being in a prison camp in Romania.

Captain Neff was pilot of a U. S. Liberator and was among members of a Liberator crew in a crash landing during a raid on the Ploesti oil fields in August 1943 in which three of the crew sustained wounds. Captain Neff, then a first lieutenant, escaped unhurt.

He was promoted to a captaincy September 22, 1944.

During the time of his service overseas he was on duty in England, Africa, Italy and over Romania.

One hundred and ten from an original force interned with his group was released at the time Russian forces took over there and on August 28 they were taken to Italy, thence to England from where they on various planes have been, or are being transported back to the states.

On reaching the United States Captain Neff went to Washington and from there went by air to Leavenworth, Kas., thence to Sedalia.

Captain Neff was reluctant to talk freely relative to conditions in the war torn areas of Europe, but elicited the information that prisoners that had been held in Romania were, as to the best in-

Doughboys and Tanks Strike Back; German Home Front Is 'Pleased'

Claim Allies are Suffering Loss of 6,000 by Death, Or Wounds, Daily

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—The German high command declared today that Nazi tank forces "have broken through, smashed and dispersed units of the American First army deep into the enemy rear."

The broadcast German communiqué said that American tanks hurled against the advancing Germans were repulsed "during a night tank battle."

"Our troops continued attacks along the whole front," the communiqué added.

The bulletin declared 24 aircraft were shot down by Nazi fighters and bombers.

Press dispatches received in Stockholm from Berlin declared that the Germans were comparing their current western front operation with the Russian counterdrive in 1941 that hurled the Nazis back from the gates of Moscow.

A German spokesman who made the comparison was quick to add, however, that it could not be considered likely to create such a "turning point" in the fortunes of war as did the 1941 Soviet winter attack.

"Christmas Offensive"

The Berlin dispatches received in Stockholm were generally cautious, but stressed that the home front was pleased at the news the high command was able to launch a "Christmas offensive," after so many months of bad news.

The announcement coincided with the issuance of Christmas ration of 50 grams (less than two ounces) of coffee and a half bottle of schnapps.

A Berlin correspondent for the Stockholm's Tidningen reported that the first evidence of something afoot on the western front came three days ago, when the German military declared its artillery was able to fire more shells than the Allies for the first time since the invasion began.

The correspondent quoted from a recently published German review of the fighting in the west, which declared the Allies were suffering losses of 6,000 killed and wounded daily, and that the U. S. Ninth army had won a 15-mile advance at a cost of 300,000 casualties.

Sgt. Helfrich Is a Prisoner

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Helfrich, 2500 South Collins avenue, have received a message sent directly through the International Red Cross informing them that their son, Sgt. Joseph Helfrich, reported missing in action two months ago, is a prisoner of war of the German government. A letter from the government stated that Sgt. Helfrich is probably in a transit camp and that as soon as he is permanently located the name of the camp will be sent his parents that they may send him packages.

Sgt. Helfrich, stationed in England at the time of his capture, was with a group making a raid on Munster, Germany. After dropping bombs, his plane was attacked by anti-aircraft fire but managed to get as far as the Dutch coast where crew members radioed for help. Searchers were unable to find trace of the crew. The government letter was the first word of the sergeant's parents had received since he was reported missing and to quote the words of his mother, "It is the best Christmas present we could possibly have."

Nearing "Golden City"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19.—(P)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces driving southward into Kwangsi province were within six miles of the "golden city" of Chin-Cheng-Kiang, 81 miles west of Luichow, former U. S. air base now in Japanese hands.

Closing In On Kassa

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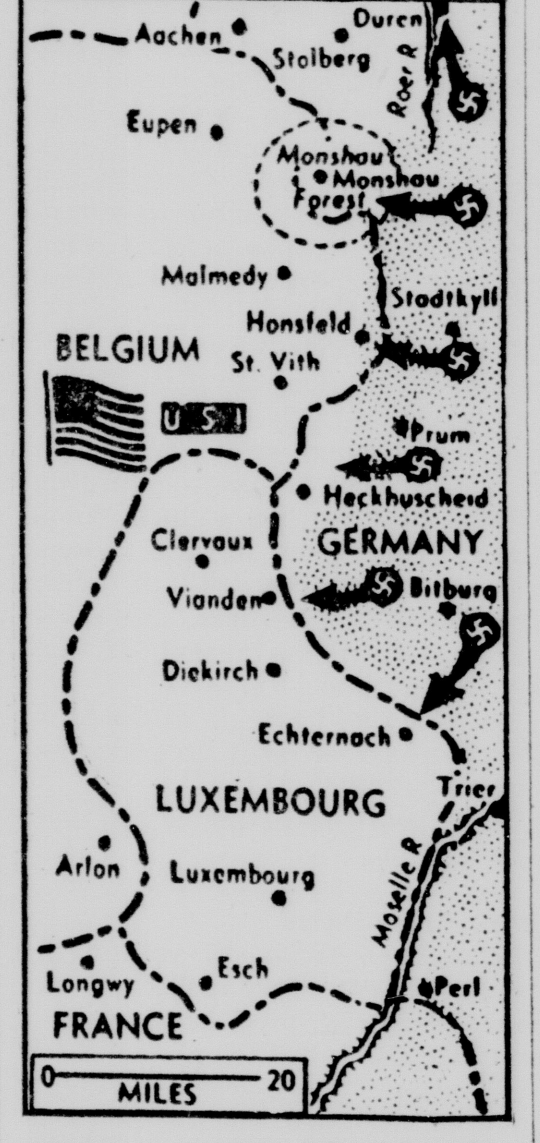
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Nazis Strike Back



German counter drives invade Belgium, Luxembourg along sixty mile First Army front. (NEA Telephoto)

Russians Take Rail Station Of Kamenec

Closing in on Kassa From Three Directions

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—Red army troops swarmed across the Czechoslovak frontier from north-eastern Hungary today on a widening front, threatening early collapse of the entire German salient in eastern Slovakia between Poland and Hungary.

Driving down out of the Keeske mountains, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army units gained up to 12 miles and poured into the Broad Bodva and Hernad river valleys leading to Kassa, the enemy's major east Slovak stronghold.

By yesterday, Moscow said, one of Malinovsky's columns already was within two miles of the German's southern highway of escape route out of Kassa. Once it is cut the garrison in Hungarian-annexed Kassa would be able to flee only through the patriot-infested Czechoslovak mountains.

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Today On The War Fronts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(P)—The Japanese mainland was hammered by China-based Superfortresses again today as the War Department reported "excellent" results from yesterday's raid on Nagoya.

Large fires and smoke columns rising to a height of 1,000 feet were observed in the wake of direct hits on a Mitsubishi aircraft plant, a communiqué said.

The raiders, numbering probably upwards of 100, apparently inflicted "serious damage," the War Department reported.

Superfortress crews reported they had destroyed two enemy lanes, probably destroyed six and damaged three. None of the B-29s was lost to "enemy action," the communiqué said.

By The Associated Press
Japanese imperial headquarters asserted today that two Allied warships and two transports were sunk off Mindoro island in the Philippines Sunday and Monday (Tokyo Time). Two other transports were "heavily damaged and set ablaze" by attacking Japanese aircraft, the Tokyo communiqué said.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, identified the warships as cruisers or destroyers.

The enemy report was wholly unconfirmed by Allied sources, like previous Japanese broadcasts which told of "wreckages of sunken American warships and transports" near the American bridgehead at San Jose on Mindoro.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—The German-controlled Milan radio said today Benito Mussolini had reviewed Italian blackshirts there, promising them in a balcony address that "in spite of a gray autumn, the spring of our country is imminent."

A German broadcast said all Italian forces which have been training in Germany now have returned to Italy and are fighting on that front.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(P)—

Three hundred Flying Fortresses spread nearly 1,000 tons of explosives on German supply lines immediately behind counterattacking Nazi troops today. It was the first mission of its kind in the European war.

The British-based heavyweights, crammed with fragmentation bombs and high explosives, struck at three rail and five road junctions on a 50-mile front stretching from Trier north to Gemund.

Today was the first time four-engined dreadnaughts had been dispatched in the European war to tackle targets so close behind an enemy counteroffensive. That precision task usually is left to medium or dive bombers.

The Forts, however, were called in with their trainloads of bombs to carpet the vital German transportation network directly serving Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's powerful thrust.

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Slash at Enemy That Has Cut 20 Miles Into Belgium; Reports Meager

PARIS, Dec. 19.—(P)—American doughboys and tanks struck back today at the German armor-powered counteroffensive that had cut 20 miles into Belgium, while to the north First army patrols crossed the Roer river barrier into Duren.

American blows to stabilize the front were thrown in as the bold Nazi push probed into Belgium and Luxembourg on a 60-mile front.

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Checks on Old Sedalia YMCA

Twenty-eight claimants of the old Sedalia Missouri Young Men's Christian Association, will receive checks within the next few days from Circuit Clerk Bryan Howe, who today began making the final distribution of the assets of the organization. Judge Dimmitt Hoffman made a court order the past week end authorizing the distribution of the assets which amounted to \$2,855.77 the pro-rata to the claimants amounts to 35.52 per cent.

The smallest claim presented was that of M. T. Slane for \$5.00 and he will receive \$1.81. The other claims vary in amounts up to \$1,612.23, that of the Stanley Coal Co., which will receive \$572.82.

Mr. Howe stated the checks would be placed in the mails as soon as they are completed.

Superforts From China Raid Kyushu

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miles from Mitsubishi's Hatsu-doki aircraft plant which was heavily hit December 13.

Yesterday's bombardment, carried out by precision instruments through a heavy overcast, also set fire to a Nagoya shipyard and probably knocked out the city's power plant.

The War Department said all Superforts—totaling perhaps 200—returned from the double strike at Nagoya and Hankow.

The imperial communiqué claimed 13 Superforts were definitely shot down over Nagoya, four probably and 20 damaged. It made no immediate claim of damage in today's Omura raid but indicated such a statement was coming after investigation of "war results achieved" by interceptors.

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Brings Gifts By Airplane

A flying "sleigh" is scheduled to deliver Christmas presents gathered in the Kansas City area by the American Legion to patients in the base hospital at the Sedalia Army Air Field late this afternoon.

Lieut. Col. Carl T. Doering, 1436 South Sneed avenue, commanding officer of the base hospital, planned to fly to Kansas City in a plane from the field and alight with his crew at the Municipal Air Terminal. According to arrangements, the colonel was to be met by Mrs. William B. Stone, chairman of the American Legion "Gifts for the Yanks" committee, and she and her helpers were to load the plane with 600 gifts for the base hospital patients.

The occasion will mark the first delivery of presents for servicemen from 10,000 assembled in the metropolitan area by the Legion.

Here's a Club For Smokers

(By the Associated Press)
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 19.—Wanna join the SFDNBTCCB, you cigarette fiends, you chain smokers?

The invitation is from Lt. Lloyd E. Kiser of Frank, W. Va., a young bombardier, a veteran of 50 missions over Europe, convalescing at an army air force hospital here. The SFDNBTCCB stands for Society for Doubling the Nation's Smoking Time by Cutting Cigarettes in Half.

The smoker would smoke each half in a long holder—similar, Organizer Kiser says, to the one used by President Roosevelt.

The average smoker, he says, will average about three more hours of smoking a pack by following the society's plan.

That is, a fast smoker. "A slow smoker like myself adds about five hours and 22 minutes a pack," he calculates.

He figures a division of soldiers—if all joined the society—would gain about 45,000 hours of smoking time.

Heats Car up by Putting Fire Under it

One way to heat up an automobile is to build a fire under it—but it might also set the car on fire. That's what happened this morning in front of 407 North Mill street, when a Chevrolet coach of Pete "Bo-Peep" Robinson, Negro, caught fire and caused a run by the fire companies at 11:20 o'clock.

When the fire companies arrived the front end of the vehicle was a mass of flames. Firemen hurriedly extinguished the blaze with the pump buckets but not before \$500 damages had resulted. Beneath the car were burning ashes. Chief John Lueck said the ashes were probably put there to heat the oil and warm up the motor—which it did.

Telephone Operators Voting on Strike

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Approximately 6,000 long distance telephone operators employed here by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. began voting today on whether they should strike if they fail to win their demands for a general wage increase of \$5 weekly now pending before the war labor board.

The vote continues tomorrow and will be tallied tomorrow night. Mrs. Norma Naughton, chairman of local 101, federation of long lines telephone workers, said a strike vote was being taken today in Kansas City with 300 operators voting, and one was scheduled next week in Philadelphia.

House Approves Postal Wage Increase
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—In one of his infrequent speeches from the House floor, Rep. Cole (R-Mo.) urged immediate passage by the House of legislation increasing compensation of postal employees.

The measure was adopted a few minutes later with only one dissent.

OBITUARIES

Miss Fannie B. Griffith
Mrs. R. W. Griffith, 320 West Broadway, has received word that her sister-in-law, Miss Fannie B. Griffith, 86 years old, died at her home in St. Louis Sunday night after a long illness. Miss Griffith had been an invalid for four years.

Miss Griffith was the last surviving member of a family of eight children and for many years was supervisor of the primary department in a St. Louis school. She and two of her sisters taught in the St. Louis schools until retirement age, one in the English department of one of the high schools, and one as principal of the Dosier school.

Miss Griffith had many friends in Sedalia, having visited here often and was here several weeks, eleven years ago, during the illness and death of her brother, R. W. Griffith.

Eight nieces and nephews survive, one of the nieces being Mrs. Helen Self of 320 West Broadway. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon from the Church of the Ascension, Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Self will be unable to attend the services because both of them are recovering from recent illness.

Mrs. John Davis Service
Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Lavina Davis, wife of John Davis, 315 East Second street, who died at 8:00 o'clock Monday morning will be held at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Longwood Presbyterian church with Rev. Clyde S. Sherman, pastor of the First Christian church of this city, to officiate.

The body will remain at the McLaughlin chapel until time for the funeral services.

Burial will be in the Longwood cemetery.

Mrs. Anna Davis
Mrs. Anna Davis, 90 years old, mother of Mrs. Marvin Fitch, 2107 West Broadway, died at Warrensburg Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Davis' home was on a farm near Warrensburg, but for the past year she had been residing in Warrensburg.

Mrs. Fitch is in Warrensburg.

Mrs. Brookie Wood Service
Funeral services for Mrs. Brookie Lorene Wood were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Olive Branch Baptist church north of Beaman with Rev. Cecil O'Neill officiating assisted by Rev. Willis Chaney.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Floyd McFarland, Mrs. Riley Lee, Frank Blacklock and Herbert Maddox sang: "Some Day We'll Understand" and "I Will Sing You a Song." A trio composed of Rev. Cecil O'Neill, Miss Mae O'Neill and Mrs. Riley Lee sang: "It Is Well With My Soul." Miss Mae O'Neill was in charge of the music. Pallbearers were H. F. O'Neill, Henry Hansen, George N. Holman, Ivan Grimes, Arthur Maples and Floyd McFarland.

Burial was in the Salem cemetery.

Allen J. Hogan Services
Funeral services for Allen Jefferson Hogan, former Sedalia contractor, who died in Kansas City Sunday will be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Church of Christ in Kansas City and the body will be brought to Sedalia where graveside services will be held at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Crown Hill cemetery.

Russians Take Rail Station of Kamenec

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cations center of Moldavia. It was here that the Russians, already two miles beyond the border, were approaching the enemy's highway escape route to the west.

The Russians also advanced into Slovakia in the area of captured Banreva, 23 miles north-west of Miskolc. There, they seized the rail station of Kamenec on the Slana river.

Russian infantrymen were fighting within five and one-half miles of Budapest, but there was no official word of new gains there.

Escapes Recaptured
JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 19.—(AP)—All six of the 16-year-old inmates who fled the state training school for boys at Boonville Sunday night have been recaptured, the highway patrol said today.

The fugitives, all found near Boonville, were George Ford and Orville McGuire of Butler county; Marshall Davee and Charles Pinney of Greene county; Raymond Bailey, Henry county; and Harold Vinson, Barton county.

Well Trained?
The two cats of Art Howard, of Byron, Calif., are equipped with home-made galoshes, which are removed when they enter the house.

A well-planned operational script on the flight deck of commercial airliners contributes to speed, safety, and efficiency by co-ordinating the duties of busy flight crews.

Join to Have Holiday Party

Sedalia Council No. 831 Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella held their Christmas party together Monday evening at the St. Patrick's school with a large crowd present.

A six-piece orchestra furnished music for dancing during the evening and cards were also enjoyed.

At 9 o'clock Santa Claus appeared on the scene and distributed gifts which were brought for the gift exchange from the large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Santa also gave out his own personal gifts of bags of candy and nuts.

The committees in charge of arrangements for the party were Mrs. H. G. Eschbacher, chairman of the social committee of the Daughters of Isabella and her committee, Miss Frances Mehl, Mrs. Frances Winter, Mrs. Ollie McMullin and Mrs. George Bull. Those composing the committee from the Knights of Columbus were: Rudy Bus, John Walje, George Stohr, M. J. Ressel and W. A. Buchholz.

Refreshments were served in the late evening by the committees.

Lives of No Value to Japs

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The British war office asserted today that the Japanese had worked more than 60,000 white captives under such brutal and inhuman conditions that 24,000 of them had died.

The Japanese themselves have erected a memorial to 25,000 men who died in building the Thailand-Burma railway and road, the war office said. Of the 25,000 men, the war office reported, fewer than 1,000 were Japanese and the remainder were English, Australians and Dutch.

In an urge for speed, the Japanese disregarded completely "the cost in human life," the war office said. Sick prisoners were even carried to work on stretchers. Severe beatings were administered to officers and men, the statement said, and there were also cases "of torture and killings."

The statement supplemented an oral report to Commons by Sir James Grigg, war secretary, who said the Japanese used at least 60,000 white prisoners "regardless of conditions under which the prisoners worked and of the cost in human life."

Basic Wage of 46 Cents Hour

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Montgomery Ward & Co., notified employees of its four strike-affected Detroit area stores today it was placing in effect a minimum basic wage scale which it first offered in 1943 and similar to one which the war labor board recommended in May, 1944.

The scale provides a basic wage of 46 cents an hour.

R. W. Rosevear, Detroit area manager for the company, said pay adjustments resulting from the new scale would be made retroactive to Sept. 1, 1943, and that the checks would be issued to the employees "as soon as the amounts can be figured."

Spokesmen for the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees (CIO) union, which claims 1,500 of its members are on strike here to enforce compliance with WLB directives, said the union would continue its strike until the company agreed to make the wage adjustments retroactive to Dec. 8, 1942, as directed by the WLB and to comply with other WLB orders. Some \$500,000 is involved in the dispute over the retroactive date, they said.

In Washington, however, WLB officials said that Montgomery Ward's wage action still falls short of the board's compliance.

Using Gas Reserves
21ST ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The German air force is dipping into its gasoline reserves at the rate of 630,000 gallons a week in the current counteroffensive, and "the Boche will find it difficult to keep up," an RAF officer said today.

He indicated the enemy's fuel shortage was becoming more and more acute.

Bond Forfeited
Woodrow Boushie, Jamestown, arrested by the police on a charge of careless and reckless driving, failed to appear in police court this morning and his cash bond of \$25 was ordered forfeited by Judge C. W. Bente.

In Dutch East Indies
Carl Jarshwitch, 1503 North Osage avenue, received a letter from Lt. Wayne Kramer, who with his wife and baby, resided in Sedalia for three and one-half months, in which he said that he was now in the Dutch East Indies.

Tax Plan On Merchants Is Voted Down

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ice committee, to work out a plan they believe satisfactory.

A claim for \$25 filed by Vest Richardson, who was relieved of blame in court, following a collision between his car and a police car, was turned down. The vote was Royce, Keenan, Middleton and Taylor voting for it. Yount, Pringle, Seifert and Eickhoff, voting no. Mayor A. H. Wilks announced the motion had lost for want of a majority. It was the consensus of the aldermen, in this case, that bids should have been obtained, and the exact amount of the cost known, before the claim was filed.

A license to sell 3.2 beer, at 506 West Sixteenth street, was granted to Quinton E. Harms. A motion, passed after action on this application was taken, made by Richard Keenan, provides the aldermen in the ward where liquor is to be sold must be notified at least the Friday night before the Monday night meeting of Council. If this is not done the application will hold over to the next Council meeting.

Resigns from Penal Board

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 19.—(AP)—P. F. Willis, Taskee Station Democrat, today resigned as a member of the state penal commission and superintendent of the prison's industries.

Willis will leave the prison January 7 to become chief clerk in the secretary of state's office under Wilson Bell who moves over from state treasurer to secretary of state on January 8.

Since 1937 Willis has directed the prison's big industrial system which includes clothing, car tag, twine and furniture plants manned by convicts.

Gov. Forrest C. Donnell said, "I have not given any thought" to Willis' successor. The appointment may fall to Phil M. Donnelly, who becomes governor Jan. 8—the day after Willis' resignation becomes effective.

Willis is the only Democrat on the penal commission which supervises the penitentiary and four other state penal institutions. Other commission members are Lloyd I. Miller, Springfield Republican, and Paul V. Renz, Platte City Republican. Miller is director.

Rudolph Hess Back in News

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The British press association today distributed and then withdrew a story saying that Rudolf Hess suffered a leg fracture recently when he jumped over a banister during a "brain storm." In canceling the story, press association said the war office reported there was no truth in the statement that Hess had broken his leg.

"Hess' nervous and mental condition has deteriorated in the last few months," said the withdrawn story.

Hess was Adolf Hitler's deputy until he flew to Britain on a mysterious mission in May, 1941.

The press association said its information came from unofficial sources. It reported Hess was often surly and sulky and refused to speak to his guards.

"He has become morbid minded and these attacks are the culmination of his morbidity," the association declared.

Hess has been examined by nerve and mental specialists, the account added. For a time he was detained in a well-appointed apartment, it said, but he is "now in the country."

Elas Attack On Prison

ATHENS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A strong ELAS attack on the Averoff prison has forced the British to abandon the bastion. Quelling ex-Premier Jean Rallis, who apparently escaped during the disorder, was being sought today.

The attack on the prison was made late yesterday. This morning the British launched a counterthrust to relieve the 115 policemen, 149 wardens and members of the British garrison in the prison and "some political prisoners" were successfully withdrawn. The ELAS immediately began to fortify the prison.

It was estimated that some 205 men and 30 women prisoners out of 475 persons held there, escaped in the disorder. Most of the inmates were awaiting trial on political charges.

The fate of the remainder of the Greek prison attendants and the other prisoners was not immediately known.

All cells were locked when the west-wing caught fire from mortar shells.

Personals

Capt. and Mrs. Melvin Dolgoff, left Monday morning for Ft. Logan, Colo. Mrs. Dolgoff has been spending the past two weeks with Capt. Dolgoff's mother, Mrs. Ida Dolgoff, 1010 West Fourth street, and Capt. Dolgoff arrived in Sedalia Saturday night from Fort Dix, N. J., where he has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frost Waddell, and daughter, Mrs. Thomas Wilding, 917 South Grand avenue, left Monday for Milwaukee, Wis., to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and brother, James Waddell and family.

Miss Gloria Joy Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jenkins, Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lon Klink and son, Lon, Jr., and Buddy of 521 West Seventh street, during the Christmas holidays. After the first of the year Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and daughter will make their home in Independence, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coppers of Portsmouth, Va., arrived today to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Coppers' mother, Mrs. J. M. Cain and Mr. Coppers' mother, Mrs. Ella Coppers, both of 502 Wilkerson, and other relatives.

W. D. Jacobs of Chicago, Ill., will arrive Wednesday to spend Christmas with his wife and children who are spending the winter months with Mrs. Jacobs' mother, Mrs. J. M. Cain, 502 Wilkerson.

E. J. Hammann, Dallas, Texas, is here to visit his mother, Mrs. Lena Grote, 1400 West Fourth street and other relatives.

Mrs. John Dove has returned from Kansas City where she spent a week with her daughter, Miss Betty Jean and her son, John, who have employment there.

Captain and Mrs. R. W. Latham, who are residing at Southern Pines, N. C., arrived Monday night to spend the holidays with Mrs. Latham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Downs, 718 West Seventh street.

Karl John Berry, seaman 1/c, arrived home Monday night to spend a thirty-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Berry, 1401 South Carr avenue. Since leaving the United States on August 22 he has been on an LST in the Mediterranean.

Mrs. Wm. Tucker and daughter, Cheri Ann, who have been with their husband and father, Petty Officer 2/C Wm. Tucker in Los Angeles, Calif., have arrived home to be with Mrs. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison, 200 East Seventh street. Mr. Tucker expects to join them here in February.

Lieut. James Wallace Russell left today for Dallas, Tex., after spending a leave with his wife, 721 West Fifth street and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Russell, 600 South Kentucky avenue.

Mrs. Walter Travis, 214 East Sixth street, left today for her home in Grand Forks, N. D. Her husband, Cpl. Walter Travis, who has been stationed at the Sedalia Army Air Field, has been transferred to the infantry and has been sent to an army camp in Georgia.

Bert Goldman is in St. Louis for a few days where he is buying merchandise for the Burton store.

Mrs. J. C. Geminden and daughter, Juliet Mary of Meno, Okla., arrived Monday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Geminden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rippey, 1103 West Third street.

Mrs. Howard Watterson, 812 West Fourth street, will leave the latter part of the week for Kansas City for a visit of about three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Walton C. Ewers, Mr. Ewers and infant daughter, Mr. Watterson will join them there for the Christmas holidays.

Lieut. Elizabeth K. Esser, U. S. Navy Nurse Corps, arrived home Monday evening from St. Albans, N. Y., for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Esser and sister, Mary, of 1209 South Harrison avenue.

Does Not Apply to Elective Officials

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 19.—(AP)—That \$1,500 price limit the legislature put on state automobile purchases does not apply to cars bought for elective state officials, the attorney general's office ruled today.

The opinion, asked by Ted Ferguson, state purchasing agent, said the law applied to "any officer or employee of any department, board, bureau, commission or institution," which does not include elected officials.

Kansas City Cash Grain
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Wheat 9 cents; 1/2 lower to 1 higher, unchanged to 1/2 lower. No. 2 dark hard 1.61 1/4-1.66. No. 3, 1.60-1.71; No. 2 red 1.62 1/4-1.70. No. 3 N 1.61 1/4-1.68.
Corn 54 cents; unchanged to 1 higher. No. 2 white 1.27 1/2-1.28 1/2; No. 3 N white 1.27 1/2-1.28 1/2; No. 3, 1.25 1/2-1.27 1/2; No. 2 yellow 1.13; No. 3, 1.06-1.11; No. 2 N mixed 1.12-1.13 1/2; No. 3 N 1.07 1/2-1.13 1/2. Oats 8 cents; unchanged to 2 lower; No. 2 N white 74-76; No. 3, 70-77.
Milo maize 1.75-1.80.
Kafir 1.62-1.61.
Rye N 1.06-1.10.
Barley 80-113.
WHEAT Futures Close: Dec. 1.58; May 1.54 1/2; July 1.46 1/2.

Births...

Daughter born to Cpl. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Hayden, Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Bothwell hospital. The baby has been named Lana Marie. The mother is the former Miss Doris Edwards. Cpl. Hayden, who is en route home, is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Daughter, born to Major and Mrs. Raymond Borchers, in Denver, Colo. The baby has been named Susan Ruth. Major Borchers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Borchers, route 5, and is now somewhere in Holland.

Pfc. H. R. Dillon Is Wounded

Pfc. Herschel R. Dillon, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dillon of LaMonte, route 2, was reported seriously wounded in action in Germany November 30, according to a message received Monday by his parents from the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon received a letter from their son last week in which he said he had suffered wounds in the neck and a letter received Monday from him just before receipt of the war department telegram disclosed he is in a hospital in France, his mother said. The soldier has been serving in the infantry. He was inducted into service December 4, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1944.

Donnelly Has Post-War Plan

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Governor-elect Phil M. Donnelly said today he will recommend to the 1945 legislature that an expected \$18,000,000 surplus in the state treasury at the end of this year be set aside for post-war public works and employment programs.

Pointing out the surplus was built up by war-swollen tax receipts, Donnelly declared "state departments should not be allowed to go on a spending spree" with the money, which may be needed in a possible post-war letdown.

State departments already have asked for record appropriations of \$343,000,000, which, if granted, would not only eat up the surplus but require about \$43,000,000 new taxes besides.

"I don't think this war-time surplus should be taken over for operating appropriations of the state departments," said Donnelly, who has been studying the appropriation requests with Gov. Forrest C. Donnell in preparation of the budget to be recommended to the legislature in January.

Bomb Maker Is Indicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A special federal grand jury today indicted Carl L. Norden, Inc., bombmaker, manufacturers, and a war plant survey and four individuals on charges of conspiracy to slow down production of the war-vital Norden bombsights.

The indictments also charged a conspiracy aimed at forcing makers of war goods to employ the survey company, Corrigan, Osburne and Wells, Inc., specialists in the installation of production control systems for industrial concerns.

Individuals named were Theodore H. Barth, president, and Ward E. Marvelle, vice president of the Norden company, Navy Comdr. John D. Corrigan as head of the survey firm, and Robert H. Wells, vice president of the concern.

One indictment named the Norden company, of New York; the survey concern, with offices in New York and Chicago; and Barth, Marvelle, Corrigan and Wells. The other named Corrigan, Wells and their firm.

Circle Meeting Wednesday
The Loyal Circle of the Epworth Methodist church will have a Christmas party and gift exchange at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Stark, 1600 East Ninth street.

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Closing of Leading Stocks

	Close	Close
	Mon.	Tuesday
American and For. Power	2 1/2	2 1/2
American Smelt. and R.	40 1/2	39 1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	14 1/2	14 1/2
American Tobacco, B.	66 1/2	66 1/2
Anacosta	28 1/2	28 1/2
Atchafalaya and S. F.	79 1/2	82
Atlas Power	61 1/2	61 1/2
Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	64 1/2	64 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	91 1/2	91 1/2
Coca-Cola	33 1/2	33 1/2
Curtis-Wright	5 1/2	5 1/2
Curtis-Wright A.	18	17 1/2
Du Pont De Nu.	159	157 1/2
Eastman Kodak	176	176
General Electric	39 1/2	39 1/2
General Foods	41 1/2	40 1/2
General Motors	64	64
International Harvester	81	81 1/2
International Shoe	40	40
International Tel. and Tel.	17 1/2	17 1/2
Kennecott Corp.	38 1/2	36 1/2
Liggett, McEn. and L.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Loose-Wiles B.	78 1/2	79
Loose-Wiles Biscuit	42	42 1/2
Mid-Cont. Petroleum	25 1/2	25 1/2
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	4 1/2	4 1/2
Montgomery-Ward	51 1/2	50 1/2
Nash-Kelvinator	15 1/2	15 1/2
National Cash Register	15 1/2	15 1/2
Northern American Co.	19 1/2	19 1/2
Packard Motor	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pepsi-Cola	63 1/2	63 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	44	44 1/2
Purity Baking	23 1/2	23 1/2
Radio Corp. of America	31 1/2	31 1/2
Reynolds Tob., B.	31 1/2	31 1/2
Sears Roebuck	105 1/2	105 1/2
Skelly Oil	38 1/2	38 1/2
Southern Calif. Edison	26 1/2	26 1/2
Standard Oil Indiana	33 1/2	33 1/2
Standard Oil Corporation	19	18 1/2
Swift and Co.	32 1/2	31 1/2
S. I. Steel	59 1/2	60 1/2
Westinghouse El and Mfg.	115 1/2	115 1/2

Sedalians at CMSTC Meet

WARRENSBURG, Mo.—Legislators-elect and other guests from the Central Missouri State Teachers College district met here last week to participate in educational discussions. Another meeting was held earlier in the week, but due to inclement weather, the majority could not reach Warrensburg then.

Topics suggested by the legislators for the day's discussion included: Why will there be increased demands for post-war education? Likely changes in the type of educational program needed. What changes are necessary in order that the college here may render services required to meet increased post-war needs? What effect will the proposed new constitution have on education in Missouri? How have the appropriations of the 1943-44 biennium met the needs of CMSTC?

Among those present for the discussions were W. W. Blain, Harvey D. Dow, T. H. Yount of the college board of regents; and Mayor A. H. Wilks, all of Sedalia.

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Lodge Notices

Service Circle of O. E. S. No. 57, will have a 50c Turkey Dinner at the Temple Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 12:15. Any chapter member welcome. Exchange of gifts. For reservation call the president, Roberta Neumann, or secretary Hildred Wilson 1418-W or 1265.

The Sedalia Chapter No. 29, Order of De Molay will meet in regular communication Wednesday, December 20 at 7 o'clock. Master Masons invited.

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JUST Town Talk

THE OTHER DAY A SEDALIA Woman WHO WAS TO BE A CO-HOSTESS AT A PARTY MET A Newcomer IN THE CITY AND INVITED HER TO BE A Guest THE WOMAN Accepted AND SET FORTH ON THE DAY Designated ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL IF THERE HADN'T BEEN TWO Parties THAT DAY NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER AND THE Newcomer NOT KNOWING THE City VERY WELL

WENT TO THE WRONG HOUSE SHE WAS Invited IN TOOK OFF Her Coat DIDN'T KNOW Anyone BUT WASN'T Surprised BECAUSE SHE WAS A STRANGER IN THE CITY WHEN AFTER Some LITTLE TIME THE WOMAN Who Had INVITED HER DIDN'T APPEAR SHE ASKED For Her AND THEN IT WAS SHE LEARNED SHE WAS AT THE WRONG Party SHE EXCUSED Herself AND WALKED Next Door TO THE Right Party I THANK YOU

Granite Lodge Elects New Officers

At the regular monthly business meeting of Granite Lodge, 272, A.F. & A.M., Sedalia, held Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. M. Holland, worshipful master; L. C. Judd, senior warden; A. F. Scott, junior warden; Tom Augur, treasurer, re-elected; J. R. Smetana, secretary, re-elected.

R. M. McNeil is the retiring worshipful master, having served in that capacity during the present year.

Green Ridge Club Has Christmas Party

The Mutual Improvement club of Green Ridge held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Glen Morrow Saturday evening. Assistant hostesses were: Mrs. H. A. Hite, Miss Grace Still, Mrs. Loy Smith and Mrs. Waldo Harbit.

Guests, other than the 15 club members, were Miss Lena Ensley, George Murphy and husbands of members of the club. A buffet supper was served and an exchange of gifts held. Mrs. H. A. Hite was in charge of games, assisted by Mrs. Wilford Acker. Miss Patricia Morrow played some violin solos.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19 — Godfrey Holliday was nominated today for postmaster at California, Missouri.

The paving contractors are laying brick again today on Main and Fifth streets.

"Delightful" was the verdict of the large audience that heard the Christmas song service at the Broadway Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon.

H. A. Bowman and Ed Feaster of Windsor, were guests yesterday at the Elks.

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SOCIETY

Forty-five members of Osage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution enjoyed their annual Christmas program Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Leach, 522 West Seventh street. The assistant hostesses were Miss Rebekah Shaffer, Mrs. W. D. O'Bannon, Mrs. C. F. Scotten, Mrs. George Dugan, Mrs. W. C. Cain, Miss Lella Shortridge, Miss Nina Harris and Miss Jessie Browneller.

In the living room there were beautiful Christmas decorations and around the base of a large Christmas tree were placed the white gifts for the Melita Day nursery, an annual custom. On the table in the dining room figures were cleverly arranged to represent "The Nativity."

Mrs. W. L. Layne, the regent, opened the meeting at 2:30 o'clock with group singing of the national anthem, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Christmas greetings from the president-general of the D. A. R. were read and also greetings from Miss Nina Slater, Miss Mary Noel Brigham and Mrs. Grace Young. Following the business session a special program was given.

Mrs. H. B. R. Allen presented in an interesting manner how Christmas was observed in the early days and in different localities in the United States today. She also explained the origin of the poinsettia.

Miss Marian Smith gave a history of Christmas carols followed by the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night" by a group of sixth and seventh grade pupils from Washington school.

Those who sang were Gloria Goldsmith, Kenneth Carlton, Nancy McAtee, Wilma Schilb and James Farris.

Mrs. Leach offered a beautiful tribute to Mrs. G. A. Sturges, a member who died recently.

At the base of a white shrine a candle was lighted and burned while Miss Smith played on the violin the song, "Going Home," accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. L. Patterson.

Miss Lillian Fox played "Silent Night" variations and Luther's "Cradle Hymn."

During the business meeting the application of Mrs. J. E. Randall for membership in the chapter was accepted subject to the action of the national society.

Mrs. Leach, honorary historian for life of the Missouri Society of D. A. R. made the official announcement that Mrs. Claude K. Roland of St. Louis, candidate for state regent, had invited Miss Nina Harris, who had been endorsed by Osage chapter, to be a member of her board as state registrar, the election to take place next spring during the state conference which will be held in Sedalia.

Mrs. P. H. Handley reported that her committee had packed two large boxes for the School of the Ozarks. A cash donation of \$10 also was sent.

Mrs. A. L. Walter introduced her mother, Mrs. Halloman, as her guest. Little Judy Scruton was a guest of her mother, Mrs. George H. Scruton.

Following the afternoon's program refreshments were served and small Christmas candles were presented as favors. From one large candle within an orange shell Mrs. Leach lighted each small one, thus representing an unbroken chain of friendship which closed the meetings for the year 1944.

Friends here have received word of the marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth Shanks of Culver, Ind., and Lieut. J. P. McCullough of the Marine Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough of Chicago, formerly of Sedalia.

The wedding took place last Saturday at Monterey, Ind.

Lieut. McCullough was graduated from Smith-Cotton high school with class of 1939. He has been stationed at Page Field, Paris Island, S. C., and is being transferred to the Marine Air Station at Columbia, S. C., where he and his bride will reside.

Faithful Workers class of the First Baptist church had its annual Christmas meeting Friday night at the home of Mrs. George Chambers, 1321 South Barrett avenue.

Mrs. H. B. Solomon, president, presided over a business meeting and a program. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts. Mrs. Ernest Melton is the class teacher. Guests other than members were the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Croxton and Mrs. M. O. Hart.

Mrs. F. L. Lively, 1017 South Barrett avenue, entertained Friday afternoon at a party in honor of the first birthday anniversary of her little son, Dannie.

The home was decorated in the Christmas motif, including a small silver Christmas tree. Favors were dolls with candy and windmills.

A pink and green birthday cake, topped with one lighted candle, was served with other refreshments to the following guests: David Gouge, Sharon Patten, Stanley Jones, Bill Stewart, Linda Raker, Valerie and William Henry Reiley and their mothers, Mrs. H. E. Gouge, Mrs. Moultrie Patten, Mrs. Nathan Jones, Mrs. J. C. Raker, Mrs. William C. Stewart and Mrs. William Reiley.

Mrs. Lively was assisted in entertaining by her husband's mother, Mrs. George Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McMullin, 1009 West Third street, entertained recently at a family dinner at their home.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul McMullin, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Manley, Mrs. Katie McMullin, Mrs.

The ACACIA TREE

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THE STORY: Michal and her baby son, Dan, are alone in her courtyard when the Roman soldiers enter with drawn swords. It is Herod's order that all Hebrew male children under two years be slain. Michal addresses herself to Drusus, their leader, who is known to her. She points to a recently planted acacia tree, and recalls to him that it is the Hebrew custom to plant an acacia only on the birth of a daughter.

II

MOSES, seeing an acacia tree emblazoned with the glory of his lord, had been impelled to remove the shoes off his feet. Michal, in like amazement, put from her heart the rancor and bitterness of the past, accepting at last her husband's authority.

True, the acacia was not at this time a burning bush, but despite its rough uprooting and replanting, the thorny wild tree showed not a sign of wilting, rather it promised soon to shake its long milk bloom from slender limbs.

From out the bush once more the voice of Elohim had spoken. The Romans, hearing, had ridden away. And the place whereon she stood, to Michal, was holy ground.

Her cry for Joel echoed in her heart, and Michal placed the child upon the ground again, memory replacing the scene just passed with one wherein she had walked in the courtyard to meet her shepherd husband and their talk was of another child.

Joel was angry, she had noted, and he gave no answer to her greeting, speaking as though their conversation of some hours ago had not been rudely interrupted.

"He was obedient unto me as a son to his father," Joel said of this other child. "And through thy folly he is lost to me."

Michal's little hand caught in her curls. She faced him resolutely. "He was thy herdsboy," she declared.

"He was my brother's son, and

thine," he rebuked her.

"He was Jonathan's son," she said stubbornly.

"So that thou hated him," her husband guessed. "So that thou hast sold him to the Romans."

She protested bitterly. "He was not sold, he went willingly to learn in Rome."

"He was kidnapped," the shepherd said furiously. "And thou hast surely sold thy son to strangers!"

"He was Jonathan's son!" she cried. "Thou wert serving in the Roman army whence thou had been called, thou knowest not..."

"Knowest not what, Michal?"

"Knowest not how thy brother had become. Thou canst not know that I would rather have died than bear a son to be raised as seed to Jonathan?"

"Yet thou hast permitted Malachi to be taken to Rome. If aught happens to him in that strange land, the seed of Jonathan perishes."

"Not a strange land!" she protested sharply. "Tis a land he will love."

"Thy friendship with the Romans persuadeth thee strangely," Joel said unbelievingly.

MICHAL maintained stubbornly. "Flavia is my friend. Her sister will treat Malachi as a son until she herself returns to Rome to befriend him!"

"There are tales in Jerusalem," he said, "that thy friend is a wicked woman. It is told that her husband has returned to Rome a broken man."

"Is it told that he killed his wife's friend and fled from Judaea?" Michal asked sharply.

"It is said that here in our land he had become a jest to Roman and Jew alike because of his wife's paramours."

"So my husband has an ear for the vile gossip of the markets?" Joel's anger was like a storm

that shook her and his words were bruising. "Thou art as wicked as thou art lovely to look upon! Thou hast robbed me of a son and thou canst never repay."

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Church Events

The Philathea Class of the East Sedalia Baptist church will have its annual Christmas dinner and party in the basement of the church Thursday, at which time there will be an exchange of gifts.

Birthplace Of Will Rogers Shrine Of UDC

CLAREMORE, Okla., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The birthplace of Will Rogers, famous Oklahoma humorist, near Oologah, Okla., will become a national shrine of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, as a result of UDC acceptance of the home and a tract of land at a special meeting here Monday.

The late Betty Rogers, widow of the humorist, had expressed the wish before her death that the state division of the UDC accept the Rogers home.

Last summer state delegates met in Oklahoma City to discuss plans for the organization's acceptance with Jimmy Rogers, a son.

At today's meeting a committee was named to consider plans for establishing the Oologah property as a shrine.

Bunker Hill 4-H Club Has Meeting

The Bunker Hill 4-H club held a meeting at the home of Marvin Vajen, Mary Ann Oelrichs, president, presided. The topic of roll call was "What We Want for Christmas."

Plans were begun for a radio program on January 6, 1945, and a Christmas party on the evening of December 17, with the guests present. It was decided to send the men in the service Christmas greetings.

After the business session several interesting games were played, led by Robert Oelrichs. The next meeting will be held on January 10, at the home of Martha Klindworth.

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Wm. MacDonald Biddison Receives Commission

Second Lieut. William MacDonald Biddison, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hawes Biddison, 1405 West Third street, graduate of the AAF Navigation school at San Marcos Army Air Field, San Marcos, Tex., received his silver wings Saturday as aerial navigator of the Army Air Forces. He received his commission as second lieutenant.

JOEL had married his brother's widow. She was beautiful, even despite her sturdiness, he had decided. Life could be interesting with Michal as his wife. At any rate he would deny her the dubious pleasure it might be to lose his shoe and spit in his face, as was the custom when the nearest relative of the dead refused to marry the widow and raise up seed to the departed. But he still was not certain whether in her heart she scorned Jonathan's brother.

"Thou has borne me no son, nor art likely to," he derided. "Michal, the king's daughter, scorned her husband."

Her eyes became speculative. Did she dare tell Joel why she had permitted Drusus to take Malachi to Rome? Would he understand why she allowed the virtual kidnapping from Jonathan's relatives of Jonathan's son?

Michal knew the answer to that. Knew that her decision had been contrary to custom and tradition. Yet Joel was loyal, she conceded. However bitter he might be against herself he had not betrayed to his people that he had been unadvised and unconsulted when she had permitted the departure of the lad. He had not revealed how once she had contrived to have the boy remain with her at their dwelling while he himself took the flock to pasture, nor how he had returned at evening to find Malachi had accompanied the Roman party which journeyed that day to Joppa to embark for Rome.

Now her mood changed, became softer. "I would not have a sheep raised as seed to thy brother Jonathan," she smiled. "But if it were..."

"Michal?" he questioned, unbelieving.

Her little hand, deserting her curls, slipped down and clung to her husband's robe. "I would bear thy children gladly," Michal told him.

(To Be Continued)

Rev. R. A. Park To Houston

The Rev. Richard A. Park, formerly rector of Calvary Episcopal church here, has accepted a call to be rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Houston, Tex., effective January 15.

At present he is rector of Christ church, Eagle Lake, and St. John's church, Columbus, and in charge of St. James' church, La Grange, Texas. He is also a member of the executive board of the Diocese of Texas and editor of the diocesan magazine, with a circulation of 10,000. He will continue to hold his diocesan offices after moving to Houston.

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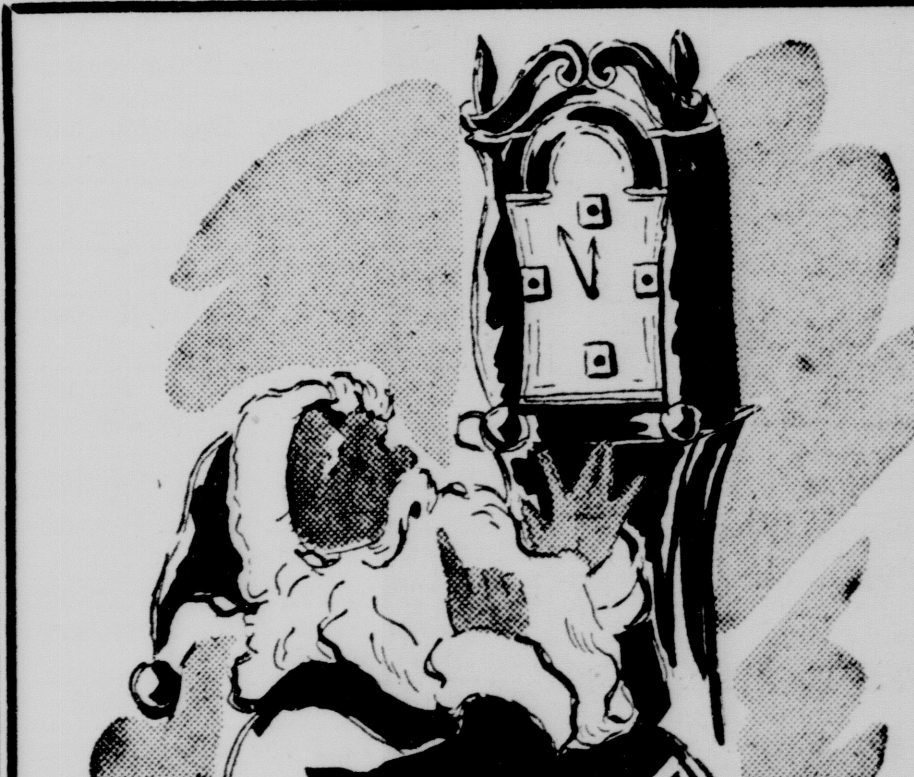
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St. Louis Livestock
NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, III. Dec. 19—(WFA)—Hogs, 15,000, slow and uneven; few early sales good and choice 180-200 lbs. steady to 10 lower; 14-60; bulk 180-270 lbs. steady to 10 lower; lighter weights 15 to 20 lower; over 10 lbs. not established; hogs steady to 10 lower; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. \$14.25-14.40; 140-160 lbs. \$12.85-13.65; medium to choice 100-130 lbs. \$10.85-12.40; bulk good and choice \$13.00-13.25; \$13.75; clearance not yet complete.

Cattle, 5,000; calves, 2,500; supplies heavy in being yarded; 25 loads steady but others due to arrive; 35 per cent of supply cows; trading slow and little done; steers, all other classes opening steady; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings \$10.50-12.00; common beef \$8.00-9.50; common and medium beef \$8.75-11.00; good beef bulls \$11.00-12.00; medium and good sausage bulls \$12.25-12.50; medium and good choice vealers \$14.50; medium and good choice \$12.00-13.25; nominal range slaughter steers \$8.00-10.75; slaughter heifers \$8.00-10.00; stocker and feeder steers \$8.00-13.50.

Sheep, 3,500; receipts include one deck yearling wethers, balance trucks in lambs and ewes; slaughter lambs open 25 higher to shippers and small killers; 200 in being yarded; 25 loads steady but others not established.

Kansas City Livestock
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19—(WFA)—Cattle 8,300; calves 1,400; slaughter steers active, balance trucks in lambs and mixed yearlings steady to strong; good cows steady, but slow on liberal about steady but mostly lower on vealers; stockers and feeders steady; light run beef steers, mainly medium loads good \$14.25-14.60; several loads good \$14.25-14.50; good and choice vealers \$14.25-14.50; medium and good choice \$13.00-14.00; good and choice fleshy feeders \$12.00-12.50; medium and good choice \$13.00-13.75.

Hogs 4,000; fairly active, mostly 10-15 loads; good and choice 180-270 lb. \$14.15-15.25; 280 lb. up \$13.85-14.15; 140-170 lb. \$13.50-14.10; sows steady to 10 lower \$13.00-13.75.

Sheep 2,500; scattered opening sales killing classes about steady; good and choice truck in native lambs \$13.50; best load trucked above \$14.00; common yearlings \$9.75; early sales good to choice ewes \$6.00-6.40.

Chicago Livestock
CHICAGO, Dec. 19—(WFA)—Hog 29,000; market opened slow, 10-15 cents lower, later trade very dull, fully 25 cents lower than Monday's average. Good and choice 160 pound and up \$14.25-14.55; top \$14.60; late sales mostly \$14.25-14.40; few good and choice 150 to 180 pounds; \$13.75 to \$14.35; sows steady to 10 cents lower; mostly \$12.60 to \$14.00.

Cattle 8,000; calves 1,200; fed steers available; fed heifers showing steady advance; early top fed yearlings \$17.75; some held higher; bulk \$13.75 to \$16.00; best heifers \$15.25; receipts 25 cents or more cows and this trade steady to 25 cents lower; cutters and strictly good beef cows holding steady; bulk steady; top weak; vealers firm at \$15.50 down; very narrow trade on stock cattle at \$10.00-12.25.

Sheep 12,000; bidding weak to 25 cents lower on slaughter lambs; holding good and choice fed wooled westerns about \$14.75; other classes scarce, little change; although one load good and choice 110 pound yearling ewes 10 cents higher than Monday at \$12.25; good medium and good yearling wethers \$12.00; scattered loads aged slaughter ewes \$6.50 down; load

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ALLEY OOP

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

I TALK YA, OFFICER, TH' GUY JUS' WALKS RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF MY TRUCK—I COULDN'T STOP!



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

HEY, MOM, MY LATIN TEACHER SPOOKED A FOR SIT, PLEASE MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION FOR MY SAK!



Balloon, With Bomb, Has Jap Symbols

Found in Montana, Capable of Setting Huge Conflagration

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 19—(P)—A huge paper balloon, bearing Japanese ideographs and armed with an incendiary bomb capable of starting a major conflagration in this northwest timber empire, has been found 17 miles southwest of Kalispell, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said last night.

Announcement of the strange device, camouflaged blue and cream color, was permitted a week after Owen Hill and his father, O. B. Hill, found it while on a wood-cutting trip.

Although more than 500 residents saw the balloon, which landed in a region sometimes swept by forest fires they heeded a warning to refrain from talking of it.

L. D. Spafford, Kalispell publisher, said "everybody was mighty interested, but when the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned

not to discuss it, the whole town clammed up."

Ward Bannister, in charge of Montana-Idaho FBI offices, commented that prevailing winds on the west coast recently have been from the west or northwest. Free balloons, he added, are known to travel as fast as 200 miles an hour in swift, high-air currents. Air mile distance from Cape Flattery on the Northwest Pacific coast to Kalispell, is 475 miles.

Not Weather Balloon
 He did not comment on the probable purpose of the balloon, nor its point of release, but said it was a "free balloon, capable of making only one flight" and that it was not a weather balloon.

Bannister described the balloon coloring as "an effective camouflage color." It was 3½ feet in diameter and armed with a six-inch bomb containing "aluminum and some oxide."

A 70-foot fuse had ignited, then sputtered out without causing any damage.

Bannister said the Japanese ideographs stated date of manufacture and inspection, and that the balloon was "high quality paper," treated with varnish.

The incendiary device, he added, apparently had been fixed so as to consume the balloon.

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- 1—John Deere disc harrows
- 2—Three section pig-tooth harrows
- 1—13-ft. John Deere disc harrow
- 1—Clipper fanning mill
- 1—John Deere 10A hammer mill
- 2—McCormick-Deering 6-ft. mowers
- 1—John Deere 6-foot mower
- 3—John Deere corn planters
- 1—Case two-bottom plow
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- 1—John Deere 12-ft dump
- 1—Farmbark-Morse 1,000-lb. scale
- 1—Solo filler pipe
- 1—Little Giant lime spreader
- 1—John Deere manure spreaders
- 1—Tank heaters
- 1—Case Threshing machine, 22-in.
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- 1—Two wheel trailer
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- 1—Iron wheel tractor wagon
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- 1—5-horse electric motor

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- 1—Gray mare, 5 yrs. old
- 1—Spotted mare, 3 yrs. old, bred to Jack
- 1—13-yeared, 4-yr. black mares, 6 yrs. old, bred to Jack
- 1—Brown mare, 6 yrs. old, bred to Jack
- 1—Gray Mare, 2 yrs. old, broke, bred to Jack

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- 15 tons alfalfa
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- 5000 bushels corn
- 50 bushels Baiboa rye
- 700 tons sugar silage
- Small tools too numerous to mention

FURNITURE

- 1—Bed & Springs
- 4—Oak chairs
- 20—Folding chairs
- 1—Studio couches
- 1—Writing desk
- 1—Plate glass mirror
- 1—Box stove
- 1—Piano

CHICKEN SUPPLIES

Hog house, feeders, troughs and panels

8—Old Brooder Stoves

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Feed troughs

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- 1—Fireproof filing cabinet, legal size
- 1—Steel office desk
- 1—Swivel chair
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Capt. Stockman Is Visiting In Smithton

Capt. J. Robin Stockman, in the States on leave from service with the USMC in the South Pacific, arrived in Smithton Sunday afternoon to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kalo Monsees and with other friends. Capt. Stockman, a member of Smithton school faculty before entering service, visited the school Monday morning and spoke at an assembly held in his honor.

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U. S. Fliers Bag 742 Jap Warplanes

Manila But A Flight Of Half An Hour From Mindoro Island

By DEAN SCHEDLER
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Tuesday, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Destruction or serious damaging of 742 Japanese warplanes during the past week was disclosed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur today as American invasion troops met no resistance on Mindoro Island.

The Japanese planes were bagged by land-based American aircraft and planes operating from Adm. William F. Halsey's Third fleet.

The chief American purpose in seizing Mindoro Island is the construction of airbases from which further to harry the Japanese. Manila is only a half hour's flight from Mindoro. American and Australian construction men were busy putting airstrips into shape.

The communiqué said the Yankee landing on Mindoro had "caught him (the enemy) completely off balance," and except for a few nuisance air attacks, the Americans were making their scheduled progress.

Invasion Moves Swift

Invasion of Mindoro has been the easiest major job of the Pacific war. Associated Press Correspondent Elmont Waite, writing from Mindoro, said "the Japanese have offered not the slightest resistance as yet, aside from harassing air attacks by a few planes."

He said the invasion has been moving "swifter than has been hoped." The Japanese at the city of San Jose fled in such haste they left their breakfast bowls of rice and clams still warm.

In the drive against the enemy on Leyte Island, the 77th division reached an airbase west of Valencia Sunday, and continued its push northward.

MacArthur revealed 905 Japanese were counted dead on Leyte in one day. A spokesman said the majority of the casualties were inflicted by the 7th American division, which was liquidating remnants of the trapped Nipponese 26th division.

In support of the American forces in the Valencia sector, P-40 fighter-bombers strafed and bombed enemy positions along the road from the Ormoc highway west toward the coast.

Liberators bombed Puerto Princesa airbase at Palawan, leaving its runways unusable and destroying three parked planes. A coastal vessel was sunk in this area.

Christmas Party For Smithton Club

The Christmas party of the Ever Ready class of Smithton Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. J. Virgil Quint in conjunction with a 1 o'clock luncheon Thursday. The home was attractively decorated for the holidays.

Mrs. Nolan Smith presided over the business session with Mrs. Charles Juries and Mrs. Shelby Monsees conducting devotional services. An exchange of gifts followed the playing of Christmas carols by Mrs. Millard Wagenknecht and a special gift from the class was presented the teacher, Mrs. Harry Demand.

Christmas Services At Dresden Saturday

Christmas services and communion will be held at the Dresden Methodist church on Saturday evening, December 23 at 7 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. Ray Biggers, to bring the Christmas message.

At the close of these services the Young People will sponsor a caroling over the town.

The traditional Christmas Eve program will be given Sunday evening with a play by the Young People.

Homemakers' Holiday Party

Members of the Smithton Friendly Homemakers club held their annual Christmas party and 1 o'clock luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Cleo Sutherland. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Loyd Hotsenpiller and Mrs. Raymond Reid.

The home was decorated appropriate to the season. After the contributive luncheon, gifts were passed from the Christmas tree by Santa Claus and each person tried to guess the name of her club friend for the year. Each child was given a gift.

Mrs. Chase and daughter and Mrs. Bruce Ulmer were guests, with Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Ulmer becoming members of the club.

Medals For Losers Of Sons In Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Award of ten silver medals to members of congress who have lost sons or sons-in-law in the war was announced to the House Monday by Rep. Bolton (R-Ohio).

The medals were designed for the congressional war parents association, a group composed of approximately 190 members of congress who have sons or sons-in-law in the armed service. It is headed by Mrs. Bolton, who has two sons in the army.

Medals have been awarded to Senators Hawks of New Jersey and McClelland of Arkansas and Reps. Cal Johnson of Illinois, Baldwin of Maryland, and McDuck of Arizona, all of whom have lost sons; and Reps. Bates of Massachusetts, Wheelchel of Georgia, and Maas of Minnesota, who lost sons-in-law.

In the Service

Pfc. T. A. Decker, stationed in Oklahoma, has returned to camp after spending his furlough with his wife, Mrs. Geneva Decker, 1115 East Fifth street, and his parents who live at Liberty.

Miss Rose L. Waddell, of St. Louis, arrived Sunday to remain until after Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Lamy and Mr. Lamy, and with other relatives and friends.

KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss., Dec. 12.—Pfc. William Alex Greer, husband of Mrs. Nela Mae Greer, 624 West Fifth street, Sedalia, Mo., has reported at Keesler Field's unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command for reassignment to new military duties.

He will remain here for a short period of time until his new assignment is determined on the basis of a review of his previous training, aptitudes, and experience, together with consideration of the military needs of the army.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy —Pfc. Harold E. Fimple, rifleman, 1219 South Osage avenue, Sedalia; Pvt. Newell E. Waisner, pioneer, Versailles, and Pfc. Raymond Walters, machine gunner, Windsor, route 5, are fighting with the 363rd Infantry Regiment in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy. The regiment is part of the 91st "Powder River" division with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY in Italy — Staff Sgt. Wayne R. Beel, section leader, Beaman, route 1, and Pfc. James J. Wingate, rifleman, California, Mo., route 4, are members of the 135th Infantry Regiment which recently marked its 338th day in combat. The regiment, a unit of the 34th "Red Bull" division with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army in Italy, has been in foreign service continuously for more than two and a half years.

Washington PTA Meets Thursday

The December meeting of the Washington Parent Teachers association will be held Thursday evening, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium at which time a Christmas operetta entitled "Scrooge's Christmas," will be presented. The operetta will be under the direction of Miss Marian Smith and Mrs. Wanita Babb. Mrs. Mary Maddox will have charge of the costumes.

Following the operetta a mixed chorus from the upper grades will sing a group of carols.

A short executive meeting will be held at 7 o'clock in Room 15.

Glen Russell Pace, Jr., Has Crossed Equator

S 1/c Glen Russell Pace, Jr., has received a certificate of his initiation into the "mystery of the ancient order of the deep" for which he qualified September 26, the date he crossed the equator, according to word sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pace, 702 North Stewart avenue. It was during the same month that he was promoted to his present rank. S 1/c Pace has been in the navy since February 27, 1943.

President is Back From Warm Springs

Sun Tanned and Few Pounds Heavier After Vacation

By D. Harold Oliver
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned today from a three weeks' vacation at Warm Springs, Ga.

Facing momentous months in the fields of war and Allied diplomacy — plus the beginning of a fourth term and organization of a new congress — the chief executive came back to the capital sun-tanned and a few pounds heavier. He arrived by special train and went immediately to the White House to start a routine day.

He returned from Georgia via Camp Lejeune, on New river at Jacksonville, N. C., where yesterday afternoon he made a two-hour inspection tour of the vast marine combat reservation. This was his only side trip outside of Georgia during his absence from Washington.

See Marine War Dogs

On the drive through the camp with its commandant, Maj. Gen. John Marston, he saw among other things a group of 64 Marine war dogs parade with their trainers while TNT blasts went off in simulation of combat explosions.

Mr. Roosevelt planned to hold his regular news conference late today. It will be the first since the special one he called Nov. 27, the day he left for Warm Springs, at which he announced the resignation of Cordell Hull as secretary of state.

For security reasons, news of the trip was withheld until the president was back in the White House. Representatives of the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service accompanied the party.

Arrest After Car Accident

Sam McBain, 510 East Saline street, charged with driving a car while intoxicated, appeared before Magistrate C. W. Bente, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace Monday morning, and waived his preliminary hearing. He was bound over to the action of the January term of criminal court.

McBain was released on a \$1,500 signed bond.

He was arrested early Sunday morning by the police after his car had run into a 1937 Plymouth sedan driven by Flight Officer Fred H. Wallin, of the SAAF on Osage avenue between Second and Third streets.

McBain was driving out of an alley behind the police station and his car struck the left front fender of the Plymouth, tearing it off the car. Occupants in both cars escaped being injured.

Bound Over To Circuit Court

Hubert Keightley, charged with burglary and larceny in connection with entering the Walker Clothing store on West Main street last Wednesday night, was bound over to the action of the January term of criminal court Monday morning. Keightley appeared before Magistrate C. W. Bente, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace and waived his preliminary hearing.

He was lodged in the county jail in default of a \$1,500 bond.

Bound Over To Higher Court, Released On Bond

Woodrow W. Garrison, 1214 South Massachusetts ave., charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated Monday morning

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Ration Board Regulations

Persons requesting additional gasoline of the "B" and "C" classification must attach their mileage record with the application for supplemental gasoline, according to Miss Thelma Young, chief clerk of the Pettis county War Price and Rationing board. Many applicants have been neglecting to send both the mileage record and the application or in many cases have sent the mileage record in at a later date and thus delayed the processing of the application.

Application blanks for "T" gasoline for trucks for the first quarter of 1945 have been mailed to all truckers in Pettis county and should be filled in and returned to the rationing board office as soon as possible so that gasoline allotments may be made. All applicants are asked to return their requests now in order to receive their "T" coupons for use by the first of the year.

If the request for gasoline is of the same amount or less than was used for the first quarter of 1944, the application will be processed immediately. In case an increased allotment is requested over the first quarter of 1944 the application will take more time and will be sent to the district office in Kansas City for approval.

ing waived his preliminary hearing before Magistrate C. W. Bente, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace, and was bound over to the action of the January term of criminal court.

Garrison furnished bond of \$1,000 for his release.

He was arrested by the police shortly before midnight Saturday following a wreck at Fifth street and Ohio avenue.



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